

REMARKS

In the outstanding office action, claims 1, 3 and 4 were rejected as obvious while claims 2 and 5-13 were indicated to be allowable if rewritten in independent form. By way of this amendment, the subject matter of claim 2 is incorporated into claim 1 thus placing claim 1 and each of its dependent claims 3-13 in a condition for allowance. Applicant thus respectfully solicits same. Should the examiner have any questions, he is invited to telephone the undersigned.

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